

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Assignee respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments in the above-identified application.

Assignee has amended the claims, specification and abstract in accordance with the Examiner's suggested amendments to overcome the Examiner's objections in the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006, to correct other minor typographical and grammatical errors in the specification that were noted by the Examiner, and to insert a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 that has been acknowledged by the Examiner.

Assignee has incorporated the Examiner's suggested amendments, with these exceptions. Assignee omitted the suggested amendment to claim 12 to claim "each of the at least one reflective mirror" because claim 12 depends from claim 1 which claims "several reflective mirrors" and not "at least one" reflective mirror. Similarly, in claim 18, Assignee changed "reflective mirror" to "reflective mirrors," instead of the suggested "at least one reflective mirror." Finally, Assignee amended the claims in the spirit of the Examiner's suggestions without using the word "for" to provide clarity that the claims are not intended to be in means plus function type format which typically uses the word "for."

Assignee respectfully submits that these amendments overcome the Examiner's objections. Assignee asserts that the errors were inadvertent and with no deceptive intent, and that the amendments do not introduce any new matter.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Assignee. Assignee agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Assignee takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Assignee may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Assignee as an indication of the basis for Assignees' belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Assignee to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Assignee agrees with or acquiesces in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Assignee is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiescence is present.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (231) 932-7389. Consideration of this patent application and early issuance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted,

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